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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES

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FOLLOWING ARE SWISS FEDERAL POLICE'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS  
RAISED IN REFTEL:

A) DUE TO THE FEDERAL NATURE OF SWITZERLANDS GOVT,  
EACH CANTON IS IN CHARGE IF ITS OWN NARCOTICS TRAINING  
PROGRAM. ALL LARGER CANTONS TRAIN SPECIAL POLICE UNITS TO  
COMBAT ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. TRAINING PROGRAMS EXIST  
FOR BASIC QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT POLICE  
OFFICIALS ACQUIRE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE ONLY THROUGH PRACTICAL  
WORK. THE SWISS CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAVE DEVELOPED A  
SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO MAKE  
THE BORDER INSPECTIONS.

B) ALL SWISS POLICE OFFICIAL MUST FOLLOW A TRAINING  
PROGRAM WITHIN THE CANTONAL POLICE UNIT. THIS TRAINING  
PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES COURSES ON NARCOTCS CONTROL.  
EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON HOW MEANINGFUL IT IS.

C) THE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, DURING A  
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SPECIAL CONFERENCE AT NEUCHATEL IN 1975, BRIEFED ALL

SPECIALLY TRAINED NARCOTICS OFFICIALS IN SWITZERLAND  
ON NEW NARCOTICS REGULATIONS.

D) THE SWISS FEDERAL POLICE TRAINS YOUNG POLICE OFFICIALS  
IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL. THERE IS NO FORMAL  
TRAINING FOR THE INSTRUCTORS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE EX-  
PECTED TO KEEP UP TO DATE.

E) AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE IS NO TRAINING PROGRAM FOR  
INSTRUCTORS.

F) PROVISIONAL 1976 STATISTICS:

ARRESTS: APPROX 5,000;

CONFISCATIONS: HEROIN - 13 KILOS; HASHISH - 385 KILOS;

COCAIN - 11 KILOS; LSD - 1,500 LOZENGES.

DEATH CASES: APPROX 50 (IN 1975 - 33; IN 1974 - 13).

A CHART, DETAILING NARCOTICS SEIZURES, TYPE OF NARCOTICS  
SEIZED, ETC, IS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPT - S/NM, DEA - TRI  
AND US CUSTOMS - INTL OPERATIONS.

G) YES

H) SWISS GOVT WOULD APPRECIATE DEMONSTRATION  
LECTURES BY EXPERIENCED US INSTRUCTORS. THE ORGANIZATION  
OF SUCH TRAINING WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE SWISS FEDERAL  
POLICE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SWISS NARCOTICS WORKING  
GROUP.

I) SWISS GOVT WOULD ORGANIZE CENTRALIZED COURSES  
FOR CANTONS. HOWEVER, IT COULD NOT CONSIDER BECOMING  
INVOLVED TRAINING PERSONNEL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES  
DUE TO SWISS NEUTRALITY LAWS. DUE TO STRINGENT  
BUDGET SITUATION, SWISS GOVT COULD NOT REIMBURSE  
ANY TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY US INSTRUCTORS.  
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